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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masahide SATO, et al

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FOR: METHOD OF MAKING FERMENTATION PRODUCT

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

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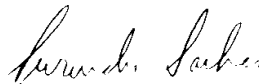
Responsive to the notification dated **March 26, 2001**, and in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 371, Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration and Preliminary Amendment. As a result of the Preliminary Amendment, no multiple dependencies remain in the claims. The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application. No additional fee is required.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Our check in the amount of \$-0.00- is attached hereto. If any variance exists between the amount enclosed, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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